

DISPATCHER OF THE MONTH

June's DOTM is CAL100.
She has been with IPN just
shy of 4 years and does
an excellent job paging
Sonoma County incidents.
Thank you for your service,
CAL100!

*Dispatcher of the Month is a random
drawing and all active dispatchers
are eligible to win.*

USE CAUTION ON CAUTION ALERTS

Incidents happen everywhere, including busy streets and intersections. Even though it is expected to be a congested area, we see a lot of users who add "Use Caution in Area" or "Expect Delays" on pages.

This is not necessary. If there is a traffic accident, fire or wires down on the road, it's common sense that there will be delays and people in the area should use caution. From this point forward, please do not add this narrative to your dispatches.



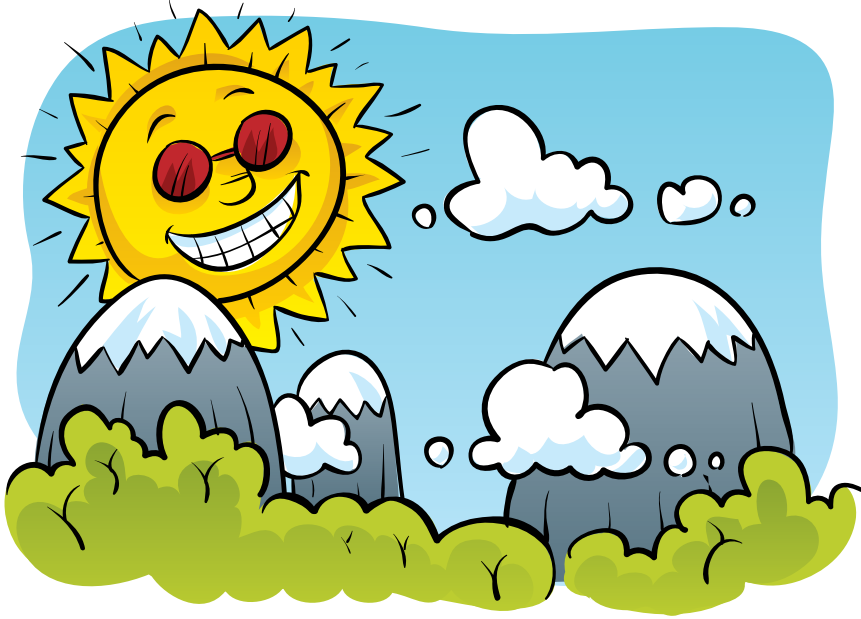
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04-22-2018 20:40 | Montgomery County
(Springfield Twp)| Traffic Advisory | 515
Haws Ln|PD o/s with vehicle vs parked
car. Suspect in custody for possible DUI.
Tow for 1 | PEN043

GETTING AWAY?



Winter is a safe distance in the rear-view mirror. It is safe to break out your swim trunks, The SPF 2000 and your handheld Bearcat for that long-awaited summer vacation. Take that second week off - you deserve it!

Wait... Did he say scanner?

We know that it is difficult, if not impossible, to leave the world behind when you are on

vacation. It is in the blood. Each of us is driven to listen in and see what the locals are doing. If you fit the bill, then keep the rest of us in your thoughts and share the calls you are hearing with the system. Support will gladly enable another chapter for you so that you can receive and dispatch calls while you are traveling. All we ask is that you translate everything you send to clear text. If you do not know what 10-200 means, then there is a good chance the rest of us will not either. Most places have codes online that you can acquire via a quick internet search.

If for some reason you are traveling to lands like Cuba or Jamaica that IPN does not yet cover, please send Steve Sedlis a note via support so that special considerations can be made when the monthly reviews are processed. In most cases a week or two will not result in being removed but it's a good idea to let us know when you'll be gone for long periods of time.



05-02-2018 03:06 |
DFW| Fort Worth, TX
(Tarrant County)| Train
Derailment| 4030 N
Main St| FD O/S with
a train derailment
involving HazMat.
Full 1st alarm HazMat
response| DFW156

Photo by DFW156



BRUSH FIRE CRITERIA

Recently, the QA Team has seen a lot of Brush and Major Brush Fire calls lacking the fundamental details for the respective categories. More specifically, the size of the fire represented in acreage or the number of units represented as an alarm level.

The Brush Fire category requires “fires that are at least 1 acre in size and/or have a full 1 alarm assignment working.”

The Major Brush category requires, “fires that are at least 20 acres in size and a 3rd Alarm as ordered by Incident Command.”

While doing QA we look for either the number of acres or the number of units responding or alarm level. Often times we run across calls that state, “Large area of brush on fire or several units on scene.” Unfortunately, this doesn’t meet the category definitions as “large area of brush” means different things to different people.

We understand that not all departments give a good size up in acreage but if you were to get a few cross streets and are able to utilize Google maps you can get a better idea of how large “large” really is. If they don’t give a good size up and they have a full 1st alarm assigned to it and all are working, put that in the details. Then when calls are being reviewed we will know that the call meets the criteria - it’s a good call.

Helicopters performing water drops are another great way to add detail to a page. Small fires will not have air support. So, if they are calling for water drops then it’s going to qualify for Brush Fire category. If the fire grows and you get a better acreage size up of 40 acres, then upgrade the category to Major Brush.

Above all please don’t rush the call. Brush fires, especially as they get larger will take time and resources to put out. Listen and get as much information as you can and make your first page the best page it can be. Then when significant updates happen, send a page update as needed.



04-27-2018 11:24 |
Milwaukee| Major Accident|
| 2323 S Lincoln Memorial
Dr|B4 o/s of a dump truck
rollover on a dump site.
Driver trapped.| WSC059

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05-18-18 03:08 | DFW| Dallas, TX
(Dallas County)| Major Accident|
DSO 5| E RL Thornton Frwy @
Ferguson Rd| SO O/S with an 18
wheeler rollover through center
wall. Multiple lanes closed both
directions| DFW156

Photo by DFW156



05-17-2018 04:09 | Newton| Major Accident | 800| I-90 E/b Ramp To Rt128 N/b|Ramp Closed Due
To A T/t Rollover No Pin Or Injury | MAS074 - Photos submitted with permission by Mark Hershon

MONTHLY STATS



The Tar Heels have arrived!! For the first time in IPN history the state of North Carolina has made the top 10 list. This

is an incredible feat considering the strong competition that normally occupies the chart. We want to thank all of you for putting in the extra effort!

Our top 4 remains the same despite some stumbling by California and Massachusetts. Hopefully we will see things improve in those areas so we can continue to give people the coverage they expect from IPN. As noted previously, Florida's numbers were about 1,000 higher than normal due to the "800

project" operation. That exercise has ended so the playing field will be even going forward.

Another interesting tidbit from April is that Maryland dropped two places from the prior month. Texas overtook them by just 2 points! All of these areas are very busy. The content is there for member who are aggressive and want to contribute. We look forward to seeing them "Duke it out" in the coming months.

January	February	March	April
Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
New York	New York	New York	New York
California	California	California	California
Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
Illinois	Pennsylvania	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania	Maryland	Pennsylvania	Texas
Maryland	Ohio	Texas	Maryland
Texas	Texas	Illinois	Illinois
Ohio	Illinois	Ohio	Ohio
New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	No Carolina



04-26-2018 20:41 | Milwaukee| 1 Alarm Fire| | 3640 N 24th Pl | Heavy smoke and fire showing from the 1st floor of a 1.5 story dwelling.| WSC059

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WELCOME NEW IPN DISPATCHERS!

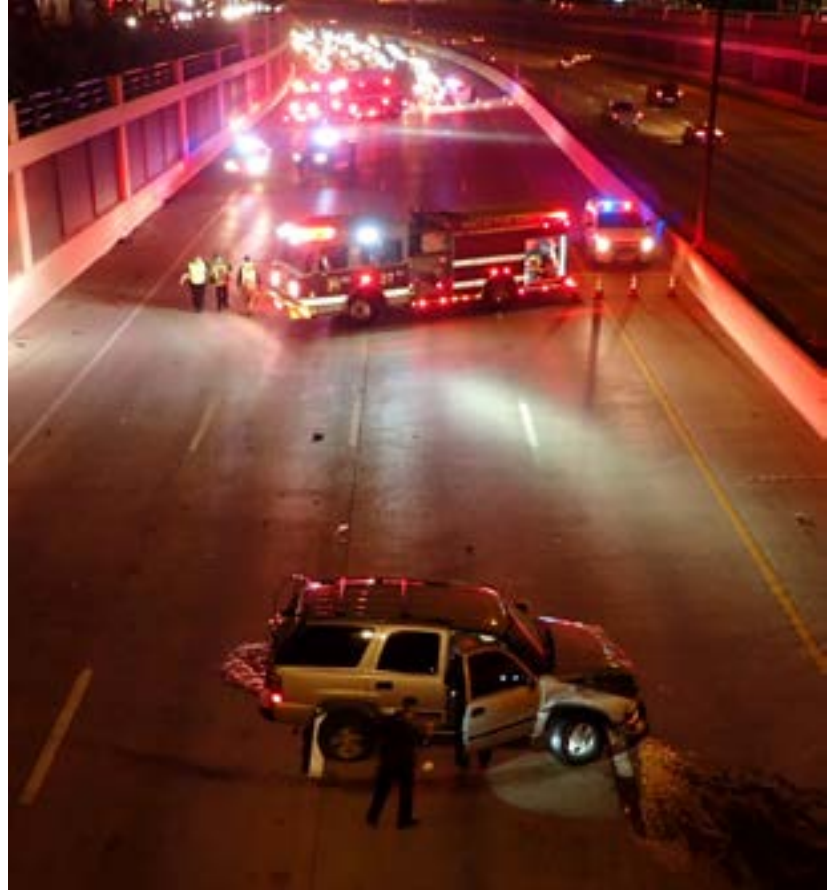
Sixteen new dispatchers joined the IPN family in May. We welcome each of you and encourage you to get involved as soon as possible. The only way to truly learn the system is by sending alerts. Even if you start out slow and send traffic notifications this still helps you to find your way.

If you get lost or confused, be proactive and ask for help. There is just about always someone in chat that can give good advice. If it's not time sensitive, send an email to support. We are all here to help you succeed!



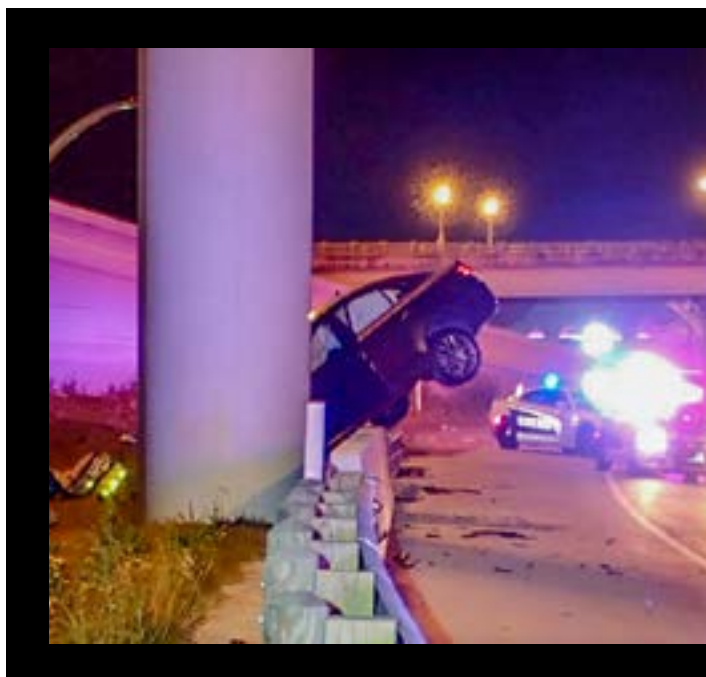
EVERYONE!
**SAY HELLO
TO OUR NEW
DISPATCHERS!**

CAL054 Michael
COL127 Lynn
CON067 Brandon
FLA276 Cole
FLA293 Jessica
ILL001 Noble
ILL148 Jonathan
ILL355 Johnathan
IND009 Stephen
MAS323 Mark
MCH015 Cody
ONT063 James
SFO250 Matthew
VIR113 Will
WAS020 Kevin
WVA072 Gary



04-15-18 23:06 | DFW| Dallas, TX (Dallas County)| Major Accident| DPD 1| N Central Expressway @ Mockingbird| PD O/S of an MVA involving a fatality. Closing Frwy| DFW156

Photo by DFW156



**04-30-18 04:14
| DFW| Dallas, TX
(Dallas County)|
Major Accident| DSO
5| I-30 @ Jefferson St
Viaduct| SO O/S with
a car vs bridge pillar.
1 DOS| DFW156**

Photo by DFW156



05-15-2018 15:53 |
Milwaukee| 1 Alarm
Fire| | 1046 N 9th St |
Units o/s with smoke
and fire showing from
the roof of a church.

U/D: 4th alarm
upgrade for heavy fire
in the church.
Multiple master
streams in operation.
[WSC059]| WSC039

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